

Eisenhower Church of Christ

Salvation in Christ

The above topic is familiar to those accustomed to hearing the Gospel preached in its purity. But it is unusual to find this idea coming from the source of the following quotation. A preacher tells us in his own words: “To be in Christ is to be saved; to be out of Christ is to be lost. There is no middle ground” (Paul Goodwin, *Orthodox Baptist searchlight*).

This statement has the real Gospel ring. It sounds like preaching done by preachers who adhere strictly to New Testament teaching. This Paul Goodwin statement reminds me of statements made by another Paul—the apostle Paul. He said: “If any man be in Christ, he is a new creature” (2 Corinthians 5:17). Also he declared: “I endure all things for the elect’s sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory” (2 Timothy 2:10). The apostle Paul tells us that men do not become new creatures *out of Christ*: they must be “in Christ” in order to be “new creatures.” Likewise, men do not obtain salvation out of Christ, for it was his desire that men “obtain the salvation which is in Christ.” This means that if a man is out of Christ, he is lost. To be saved he must be “in Christ”. There is “no middle ground.” He is either “in” or “out” of Christ, saved or lost. I gladly believe what Baptist preachers tell us if they agree with what inspired men have said, and Mr. Goodwin surely did it this time.

But, did he not think about what his statement did to Baptist doctrine. Remember now that a man cannot be saved out of Christ. Both of these Paul’s agree on that point. To be *out of Christ is to be lost*. So, *to be saved*, one must be “in Christ.” A man, however, cannot be “in Christ” unless he gets *into Him*. And that leads me to ask: How does a man get into Christ? Whatever it takes to put a man *into Christ* is necessary to his salvation, for he is *out of Christ* till he get *into Him*. What does the New Testament say about it? It mentions just one thing that puts a man “*into Christ*.” Notice the apostle Paul’s language: “For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.” (Gal. 3:27). Will Mr. Goodwin agree with the apostle Paul here? What does he say? “Baptized into Christ.” No preacher can find anything else in the New Testament that is said to put a man “into Christ,” and since a man cannot be saved *out of Christ*, he cannot be saved without baptism. If he can be saved without baptism, he can be saved out of Christ, for he cannot get “*into Christ*” without baptism. So, this Baptist preacher will have to give up his doctrine of “salvation by faith only.” Faith only does not put a man “into Christ.” That which puts a man “*into Christ*” comes after faith. So, this Baptist preacher will have to admit that baptism is essential to salvation or go back on what he tells us.

Then it knocks him out of his *non-essential church* idea. Baptists claim you do not have to belong to the church to be saved—that you are saved out of it. But that idea is blasted by Mr. Goodwin’s statement that a man must be “in Christ” in order to be saved. But how can a man be “*in Christ*”? By being in His body—not in the literal, personal body of Christ, but *in His spiritual body*.” Paul tells us that His body is the church (Ephesians 1:22-23). So, to be “in Christ” is to *be in His body*.” But to be *in His body is to be in the church*. And since *to be out of Christ is to be lost*, ” then to be *out of His body, the church, is to be lost*. That puts salvation in the church, where the New Testament put it. Read Ephesians 5:23: “Christ is the head of the church: and He is the saviour of the body” If all men who are saved are saved out of the church (the body), then

Christ could not be the Savior of the body. Hence, Paul puts salvation in the church, and Mr. Goodwin's statement agrees. In this matter he has surely told us the truth.

—W. Curtis Porter

Prayer Request

We need to keep **Lindsey Wells** in our prayers. She will have bilateral carpal tunnel surgery on her hands on December 19th.

Concerns Update

Mary Anchondo is still waiting to have a liver biopsy and some other testing done. She is not feeling well at all at this time. Please continue to keep her in your prayers that she will be able to get the testing that she needs.

Prayer List

David Alaniz; Mary Anchondo; Maria Baeza; Irene Balerio; Ameer Blumenauer; Betty Branson; Mary Brown; Naomi and Adelynn Bustillos; Glenna Callendar; Arthur Campos; Sylvia Campos; LaDonna Chism; James Drake; Jon Easley; Cathy Eastwood; Daniel Eastwood; Hattie Gilmore; Paul Gunn; Doug Guynn; Brent Harrell; Lon & Lana Howard; Connie Jimenez; Vanessa Machuca; Leigh Ann McFarland; Keith Mitchell; Milous Mitchell; Juan & Estella Morolez; Inocencio Munoz, Sr; Julie Munoz; Bruce Plyler; K' Lynn Roberts; Linda Straw; Marilyn Upshaw; Terresia Weaver; Carolyn Wilkerson; John Wood; Wilene Wright.

Eisenhower's Homebound....

Glenna Callendar; James & Joyce Drake; Kathy Marshall; Janelle Shirley & Marilyn Upshaw. Remember to keep all of our sick, shut-ins, the bereaved, our military personnel and spiritually weak in your daily prayers.

Events

Watch "***In Search of the Lord's Way***" Sunday mornings at 7:30 am on KWES TV 9

Thank You

To our Eisenhower Family,

George and I are thankful for all your support during the 8 years illness and death of our dear loving daughter, Trina. We're thankful to God for the gift of Trina for 60 short years. We are also thankful she is now with our Lord and no longer in pain. We loved her so much and she leaves a great void in our hearts and lives.

Your prayers, hugs, food, and visits all helped us during this sad time.

Thanks Again, The Warren Families, The Plyler families and the Grover family.

Thank you very much for your prayers for my daughter, Vanessa Machuca. She is now at home in San Antonio. She is still having problems tolerating the medications. She will have 2 to 3 months recovery period. Thanks again, Sylvia Campos

Office News...

Thom Moore will be here on December 6th to pick up the NMCCH holiday gifts.

The holiday "**Ladies Gift Exchange**" will be held at Bonnie Sorenson's home at 6:30 pm on Friday, December 8th. Ladies, please bring a finger food and a gift. Come and enjoy the fun, fellowship and food.

“December Attended Nursery”

12/3 Devida & Linda
12/10 Janis & Emma
12/17 Sonia & Jaque
12/24 Julie & Gloria
12/31 Robbie & Jeanette

“Brought Up in the Church”

Some people seem to have the absurd idea they are Christians simply because, as they put it, “they were brought up in the church.” They mean by this that their parents were members of the church and as children they regularly attended the services of the church. They may be as spiritually ignorant, as hogs, as spiritually cold as proverbial cucumbers, and as worldly minded as infidels, yet because they were “brought up in the church,” they assume the Lord has a reserved seat for them in Heaven.

This reminds me of a joke in a recent publication. The story is this:

A man was giving a government clerk information for filling out a required form. When the clerk came to “nationality,” he said, “you’re French, aren’t you?” No, English,” replied the citizen. “Both my father and mother are English.” “But you were born in France,” protested the clerk. “What’s that got to do with it,” demanded the citizen. “If your dog had puppies in a stable, you wouldn’t call them horses.” Some of the “brought-up-in-the-church” folks, on the basis of their reasoning concerning their spiritual state, would very probably call the puppies “horses”.

Brother J. D. Tant told of a man whose wife was a member of the church. On meeting Tant, he advised him that he was a “brother-in-law to the church.” Tant asked, “How is that?” The man replied, “Well, my wife’s a member of the church.” Tant then said “In that case I suppose one could say your wife is a sister-in-law to the Devil.”

Some of the most useless members of the church ever known have been those who laid claim to being “brought up-in-the-church.” Fortunately, ancestry in the church is not the standard by which God judges His people. Fidelity to the Word of God is the determining factor in being listed in the divine “Blue Book.” The Lord knoweth them that are His,” and it is no accident that inspiration appends to this fact the admonition, *“let everyone that nameth the name of Christ, depart from iniquity”* (2 Timothy 2:19).

—Selected

November 26, 2023

Announcements
Song Leader
Sermon
Opening Prayer
Scripture Reading
Second Prayer
Closing Prayer

A.M.

Don Easlon
Steve Easlon
Allen Weakland
Don Easlon
Jacob Carson
Jeff Wesson
Jr. Munoz

P.M.

Don Easlon
Cody Wesson
Allen Weakland
Don Easlon
Caleb York
David Baldwin
Charles Wood

Lord’s Supper

Larry May
Gary Loving
Jackie Perkins
David Ryan

Jon Roemisch
Communion
(In Library)

Other Responsibilities: *Elder:* Don Easlon 288-5834 — *Deacon:* Craig Wesson 934-4633—*Pulpit:* Cody Wesson 934-4646—*Table:* Jon Roemisch 202-7725 — *Song Leaders:* Cody Wesson 934-4646 — *Recording Sermons:* Rudy Ochoa 214-0398— *Contributions:* Jon Roemisch

Sunday AM

“The Lord is Our Warrior” (Psalm 46:1-7)

Sunday PM

“Commendable Conduct” (I Peter 2:18-25)

Our Records

Bible Class... 62

Morning Worship...110

Evening Worship ... 58

Wednesday...74

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